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Fashionably late

After weeks without snow, the season's first storm blows through area during final week of January

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This week marked the first snow storm Maryville has received this winter; however, salt crews were on the scene before any snow came down.

Maryville's road crew was sent to work Tuesday at midnight, and by 4 a.m. Wednesday the crew was salting the roads and plowing emergency snow routes.

As the snow kept coming, crews began to have problems and snow-clearing efforts started to become an uphill battle, said City Manager Matt Chestnut. The city has eight snow plows, but with the amount of snow that was falling, the crew had trouble keeping up.

"It is hard to get out and get everything cleaned," Chestnut said. "The guys have been working as hard as they can."

The crew was expecting the amount of snow that developed and fought against the snow in the same manner if only a few inches had fallen.

"I didn't have a lot of trouble driving to school this morning," said Jamison Phillips, international business major. "I did have to drive more carefully, but I wasn't sliding around or

anything."

While many students looked around in amazement as the snow fell early Wednesday, freshman Jennifer Mains was not alarmed.

"I knew the winters up here are really bad, so it didn't affect me much," Mains said. "The snow hasn't been a problem for me since I live on campus, but I am sure it is for those who don't."

Unlike the University, which has built-in heated sidewalks to melt the snow, the city crew does not have such luxury, but has not had much problem with clearing the streets.

"For the first major snowfall of the year we haven't had a lot of problems or anything," Street Superintendent Jay Cacek said. "We've had no major breakdowns and we have plenty of material on hand."

Residents need to understand that if they do not have to go out, they would be better off staying home, Cacek said.

"If someone really needs to get out they should go to an emergency snow route, hopefully they will be good enough use to get wherever they need to go," he said.

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The University's environmental service staff work diligently to clear away snow. The shovelers have to work continuously as the snow quickly recovers the sidewalks and stairs.

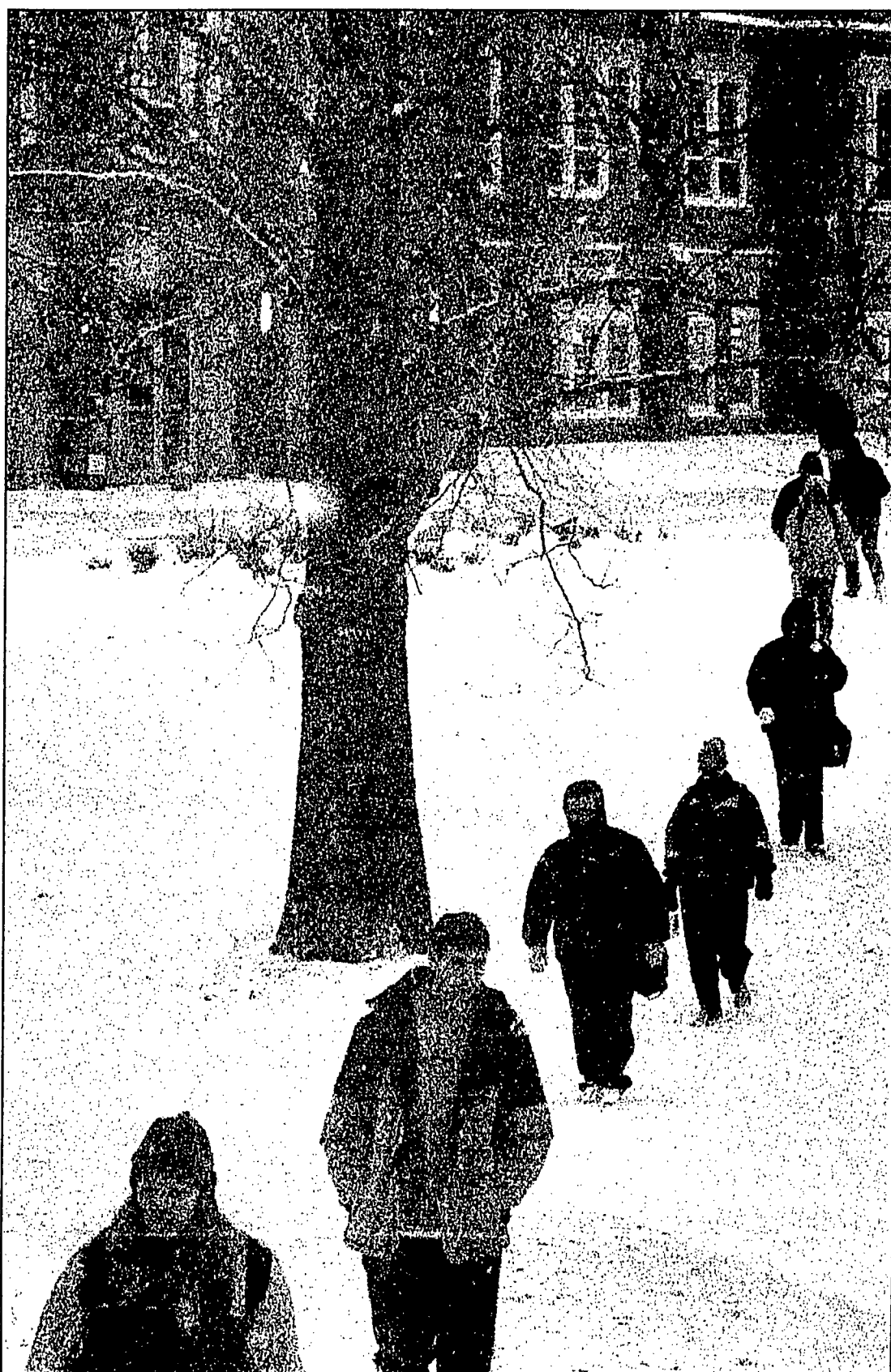


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Snow fell across campus throughout day as students tried to make it to their classes. These students made a path through the snow on their way to 8 a.m. classes in Colden Hall Wednesday.

Woman in abuse case charged

By ABBY SIMONS
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A 21-year-old Maryville woman has been charged with child endangerment in connection with the Jan. 20 death of her 2-year-old son.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird filed charges Monday against Amy Clark on four counts of felony endangering the welfare of a child for "knowingly acting in a manner that created a substantial risk to the life, body and health" of her children.

Charges against Clark result from an incident Jan. 15 when a 911 call was placed from a home outside the Maryville city limits. The Nodaway County Ambulance responded to the scene, and three boys, ages 4, 2 and 1, were transported by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital. The two-year-old was life-flighted to Children's Mercy Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo., where he later died.

The felony complaint against Clark alleges she placed her children in the custody of Michael Beattie of Maryville after he had previously subjected the children to physical abuse. Baird said each count of felony endangering the welfare of a child carries the maximum punishment of five years in prison and a fine of \$5,000.

Clark was arraigned Tuesday, where Judge Glen Dietrich set a reappearance date for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11 so Clark may obtain an attorney.

Clark is currently in custody at the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department.

Michael Beattie, 21, was charged Jan. 16 with two counts of class C felony child abuse in connection with the incident. He remains in the Nodaway County Jail on \$100,000 bond and is awaiting additional charges which may be filed once autopsy and final investigation reports are finalized.

Baird said results of the Jan. 21 autopsy, which take approximately two weeks to return, should be available Friday or early next week.

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Student finds rare meteorite in field

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Geologists are always interested in examining new things. Assistant professor of geosciences Richard Felton said he has rocks of all types brought into him by students. What was brought to him recently was something out of the ordinary.

A Northwest student brought what Felton said appeared to be a stony-iron meteorite.

There are three known meteorites in the world, stony meteorites, iron meteorites and stony-iron meteorites. Stony-iron meteorites are the rarest of the three and range anywhere between 4 billion to 4.5 billion years old, making them the oldest rocks on earth. They are known to form at the same time as the solar system.

"There has only been one of these found in Missouri," said Renee Rohs, assistant professor of geosciences. "They make up a very small percentage of meteorites found."

Felton said by 1995, only 73 known stony-iron meteorites were recognized throughout the world.

The student was interested in finding out what it was first, said Felton.

"We get a lot of things in here

that are heavy and rusty," Felton said. "This was very rusty but it was an iron that is only found in the deep interior of the earth and in space on asteroids."

Felton said he had many rocks of this nature brought in that were false that he calls "meteor-wrongs." He questioned the rock when he saw it, but wanted to work with it.

"I polished it down and realized it was a texture I'd never seen before and I knew it was unusual," he said. "By the next morning I was convinced it was a meteorite after checking off things that I knew it wasn't."

Rohs was in the process of looking up background information on meteorites for her classes when she was called in by Felton to analyze the rock.

"Mr. Felton brought it in and I said, 'Oh my goodness, that's a stony-iron meteorite,'" Rohs said. "I've only seen one other one and that was in a class I was in at Kansas University."

The professors in the geoscience department will proceed with more tests before sending it to New Mexico University where the Insti-

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RICHARD FELTON
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GEOSCIENCES

tute of Meteoritic will study the meteorite.

"We still need to figure out what the working arrangements will be," Felton said.

The department will try to determine how and why it landed where it did, outside of Maryville. There is a possibility that the meteorite was brought to the Midwest by glaciers, Felton said.

"We think it's a treasure," Felton said. "None of us are real meteor experts here, so we are all in the process of learning about this thing. Right now it is a mystery."

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PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

At Eugene Field Elementary School, Marty Poynter teaches her kindergarten class how to count by using Pokemon cards. Many of the students were wearing 100 items on their clothing to participate in the celebration.

Elementary celebrates 100th school day

By MONICA CALDWELL
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Kindergartners at Eugene Field Elementary School may have found just how many licks it takes to get to the center of a lollipop Wednesday.

Tradition dating back to before teachers can remember, the 100th day of school is a landmark celebration every year. With activities ranging from 100 licks of a lollipop to 100 seconds of silence, these students keep learning fun.

Staff members are not sure when or why the day began, but it has become locked in as part of the school year.

"The 100th day is a milestone for the kids, a way of saying 'Yea, we made it this far,'" said kindergarten teacher Ron Leader.

Besides teacher-planned activities, children also decorated themselves with items such as 100 buttons, safety pins, pigtales and braids. Students also brought 100 snacks from home to share with their class while watching a movie.

"I think all the grades do something, but each in their own way," said kindergarten teacher Marty Poynter.

The youngest students are the ones that go all out, though.

With visits from Zero the Hero, played by Ken White, Vice President of Communication and Marketing at Northwest, and a 100-year-old man, played by the school's principal David Weichinger, students take advantage of the fun with their annual guests.

"They really enjoy the day," Poynter said. "They get their bags all ready the night before and come prepared to have fun."

The 100th day of school is a national occasion, with countless Web sites and books offering ideas on how to celebrate the day. Contributions range from making blue Jell-O containing 100 red gummy fish, to putting together 100-piece puzzles or chewing gum 100 times.

"We add new things every year if we find something fun to do," said Poynter.

However, Zero the Hero and the 100-year-old man are standing traditions.

This is one day kids do not mind attending school.

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Safety skills

Maryville Public Safety taught students at Eugene Field Elementary School what to do in an emergency Wednesday. The volunteers used role-playing methods to show children how to dial 911 with scenarios such as a house fire or if somebody was asleep and could not be awakened. Another lesson they taught the students was to know their names, addresses and phone numbers.

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Acrobats to bring unique performance to campus

By CLARK GRELL
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Northwest's Encore Series will welcome the National Acrobats of Taiwan, R.O.C. at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Performing Arts Center.

The performance, produced by Andrew S. Grossman, will feature acrobats from Taiwan well-known for their flexible showmanship and their ability to excite a crowd. The performers tour the United States beginning in the fall and continue through the spring. The tour is put together by Columbia Artist Management Agency of New York City.

The event will be unique, since it is the first time in several years

that an act of this nature will take place at Northwest.

One reason why the event is being brought to Northwest is it will provide a different kind of entertainment.

"This is something completely different and something you typically don't see at Northwest as part of its Encore series," Vanosdale said. "From the reviews I read about it, it is supposed to be a spectacular show."

Vanosdale expects a big turnout. Eighty percent of the tickets had been sold as of Tuesday, he said.

Ticket prices for the event are \$16 for floor seats, \$14 for balcony seats and \$12 for children under 13

years old.

Vanosdale said people should take advantage of the low-ticket prices.

"You would pay triple the price of tickets if you were to see the show in Kansas City," he said. "Maybe \$75 to \$100 if the show is in New York City."

Vanosdale said that this is not a moneymaking event but a cultural enrichment.

"This is going to be a mix of the past and present," Vanosdale said. "They have carried on the traditions, and what these performers do is bridge the past with the present."

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Campus to celebrate Black History Month

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The month of February celebrates some of those who have changed the world and made an impact on 20th century history books. Black History Month celebrates African American heritage and figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Muhammad Ali who changed the way American and the world view African Americans.

Americans have recognized black history since 1926, when Carter G. Woodson launched "Negro History Week," which later be-

came known as Black History Month.

Northwest began celebrating Black History Month in the late 1970s, along with the Alliance of Black Collegians.

"Black History Month stands for the strength, the humanity, the ingenuity and the contributions of the African to the human civilization," ABC President Veronica Jones said.

Jones said that Black History Month creates awareness among students and faculty who may not realize African Americans have

helped to lay the foundation for America as much as any other race.

ABC will be displaying the Wall of Fame in the Student Union. The wall represents African Americans who have contributed to America and to the African race. It has been passed down from class to class at the University.

ABC has worked since last trimester planning events to commemorate the month.

An open poetry reading at 7 p.m. will begin Feb. 5 on the second floor of the Student Union. Anyone may come and read poetry

at the event. From 8 p.m. to midnight Feb. 14, ABC will present "Soulful Night of Love," a semi-formal Valentine's Day dance, in the Union Ballroom. The fourth annual Talent and Fashion Show will begin 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Anyone interested may participate in the events.

"Black History Month is a reaffirmation of struggle and determination to change attitudes and heighten the understanding of the African American experience," said Jones.

Career Services to offer help with job searching

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Career Services will hold various events in February to help students explore career opportunities.

Two companies will visit Northwest to provide interviews for internships and job positions. Growmark, an agricultural company from Des Moines, Iowa, will be looking mostly for agriculture and business majors. Growmark will visit campus Feb. 4. The sign-up

deadline for interviews is Jan. 31. Students must sign up for interview times through the Career Services Web site and must be registered with Career Services.

Walt Disney World will come to campus Feb. 21-22. They are offering spring, summer and fall internships and are accepting all majors. Students must attend an information session on Feb. 21 to sign up for an interview time on Feb. 22.

Carissa Bolinger, employee rela-

tions specialist for Career Services, said these are real interviews with possible job opportunities.

"I like to encourage students to research," she said. "It's one of the major things that will help them in the interview."

Bolinger recommends students also look into what questions the company might ask. For more information about the companies, students may contact Career Services.

Another upcoming Career Ser-

vices event is Mock Interview Day Feb. 13. Joan Schneider, director of Career Services, said Mock Interview Day is an opportunity for students to experience professional interviews and to leave with professionally critiqued résumés.

"This is the one event where students walk away with something tangible, that they have a professional experience," she said.

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Watergate reporter shares impressions of modern media

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Carl Bernstein, half of the reporting team that broke Watergate through persistent investigation, doesn't even consider himself an investigative reporter.

"I don't believe in the whole culture of investigative reporting," Bernstein said Monday at the Performing Arts Center. "I think all good reporting is the best obtainable version of the truth."

Bernstein began his career as a copyboy for The Washington Post when he was 16 and now works as a contributing editor for Vanity Fair and travels the country speaking at colleges and universities. His writing has also appeared in numerous magazines.

He has also written and co-written several books, including "All the President's Men," and "The Final Days," both about his work with Robert Woodward during Watergate.

Bernstein shared his views of today's media with the near-capacity crowd Monday.

"Over the last 20 years, we have been abdicating our primary function and allowing our agenda and priorities to become bastardized and dominated by, what I called in the cover story I wrote in The New

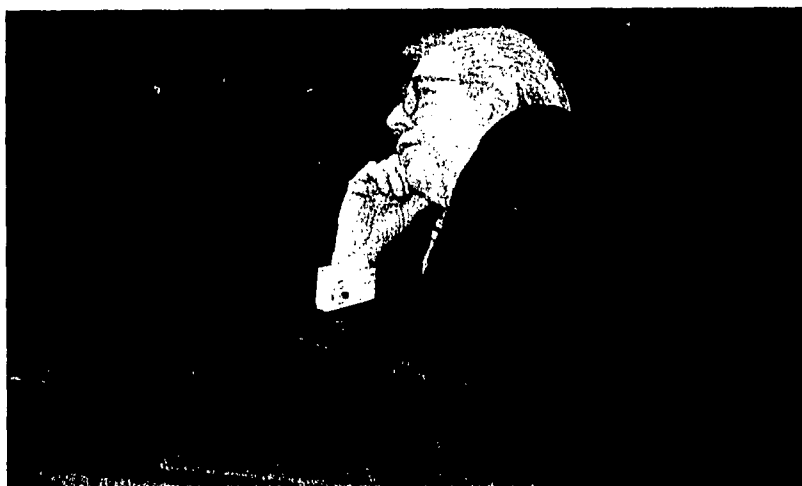


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Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Carl Bernstein addresses campus and community members at the Performing Arts Center Monday night. Bernstein, renowned for his work in the Watergate investigation, focused his speech on today's media.

Republic magazine a decade ago, 'the triumph of idiot culture,' he said.

Bernstein said today's journalists are only scratching the surface.

"Today, in journalism, we limit ourselves more often than government limits us, because we're not willing to do the hard work of good reporting, of searching out the truth," Bernstein said. "It's not our priority often enough anymore, so increasingly, we journalists don't have enough courage to give our

readers and viewers what we know is real news the same way as our leaders in legislatures and in Congress don't give their voters what they know is real leadership."

Bernstein spoke of Rupert Murdoch's impact on American media. Murdoch's work with the New York Post has established him as the most influential person in journalism over the past 30 years, he said.

"The tabloid New York Post, with its sensationalist brand of off-beat

journalism has imprinted itself across the American media landscape," he said. "Sadly, today we have dozens of would-be Murdochs in our journalistic culture whose influencing standards have much more to do with what people read and see than any restrictive legislation in any of our countries in the west or the former Communist east. The greatest threat to the truth today may well be within our own profession, because the consequences to a society misinformed and misinformed by the grotesque values of Murdochism are truly terrible."

Bernstein uses his travels to better himself as a journalist.

"(Traveling) has enabled me to understand the country in a very different way than most journalists," he said. "Most journalists I know rarely get off the two coasts. This country is an amazing place, and most of this country is between the two coasts. I just am a different person as a result and a different kind of journalist as a result of the experience."

Bernstein saw "good reporting" as reachable, however.

"What's important is that we do the job that we know we're supposed to do," he said.

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Department proposes admissions changes

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Scores on the Praxis exit exam, which is the education program's equivalent to the bar exam for aspiring lawyers, are up and are demonstrating the strength of the education department.

Northwest has posted an above 94 percent pass rate on the Praxis. Both the Praxis and C-BASE are substantially higher this year and both are at the state and national average.

Although Northwest has not demanded high admission standards, the state and federal U.S. department of education are pushing for higher standards and higher admission processes for teachers.

The state and federal departments of education are trying to ensure that people who are majoring in education are students who have higher ACT scores than what Northwest and other universities have seen in the past.

"Given the fact that we haven't demanded high admission standards as many, I feel extremely pleased with the performance of our students," said Max Ruhl, dean of education.

Seventeen faculty members from the education department have been studying state and federal standards for the past 10 to 11 months.

The team has studied data on students and decided to propose changes to some current admission standards.

The admission changes have not yet been approved by the President's Cabinet, but the team is hoping for approval so the standards may be implemented by the fall.

"We are just getting much more focused around since we know admission standards are increasing everywhere, in this state and most other places," Ruhl said. "We want to help the students as much on the front end as we can to ensure that

they are able to succeed in the program."

"This is important in view of the national teacher shortages of the past three years."

The admission changes are known as a prevention base for students who want to come into the education field but struggled with certain low areas on their ACT.

One change to assist early-on is freshmen will have experience on an exam much like the C-BASE. The test is designed to help students recognize early general education weaknesses and help prepare them before taking the C-BASE as a sophomore.

If a student does poorly on an exam, they will have to work on raising the scores and their success rate to pass the course. Most admission changes take affect with new freshmen.

The students will take the regular C-BASE after completing the 45 credit hours. In the past, students took the C-BASE until they passed, but with the new standards, students will only have three to four chances to pass and to complete their major.

Students admitted to Northwest beginning this fall will also be required to complete the Praxis exit exam before graduation.

The new standard will also require students to have higher ACT scores.

"We want to continue to ensure that those who wish to become teachers make necessary efforts to prepare so they can be successful and enter the profession," Ruhl said.

"We absolutely believe that most students can make it in this area if they begin preparing at the time they come in as a freshmen, if they indeed know they want to become a teacher and know they have to do well in their general education courses."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Celebration of Quality application deadline nears

Students interested in participating in the Celebration of Quality spring symposium have about two weeks to submit applications.

The symposium, an annual event sponsored by Sigma Pi Sigma, allows students to present papers or projects from fall and spring trimester courses. Students must fill out an application, which includes a brief description of their papers/projects and instructor approval. Applications are available through

individual instructors or Nancy Meyer, who can be reached at 562-1389. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15. The symposium is March 2.

University divides spring commencement ceremony

The University has divided April commencement into two ceremonies to better accommodate crowds.

Students from the Booth College of Professional and Applied Studies and the Graduate College will walk at 10 a.m. April 27. Students from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences or Education and Human Services will walk at 3 p.m. Tickets are not limited.

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Church to play host to blood drive

By CHRIS LITTLE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Every three seconds, someone needs blood. That someone could be your spouse, friend, neighbor or child.

The First United Methodist Church will play host to a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship hall. The drive is being sponsored by the Maryville Business and Professional Women organization.

BPW member Carol Osbourne is helping to coordinate the event.

"We expect over 220 donors to come through those doors," she said. "However, we need at least 165 to fill our quota."

Osbourne said the people who wish to donate do not need an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

The St. Joseph Community Blood Center provides blood to 70 different medical centers throughout 68 counties including St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. According to the center's records, Volunteer Coordinator Laura Bodickey estimates that the center needs at least 550 units of blood per day to provide for numerous hospitals.

Bodickey has been looking forward to the blood drive.

"We need to collect at least 150 units," she said. "That means we need roughly 175 people to attend. The reason for this is the different

possibilities for contamination. Even variation in temperature can destroy a sample. That is why we are so excited that over 200 have signed up."

Since 1970, January has been declared National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and the Community Blood Center has drawings for four free trips. This year donors can draw for two trips to Las Vegas and one trip to anywhere Vanguard Airlines flies. This week they will draw for a trip to Branson with tickets to any Branson show.

Bodickey said that even though the Branson trip offers some incentive, the center should not have any trouble finding donors.

"Nodaway County has the highest percentage of donors compared to all 68 of the other counties we serve," Bodickey said. "In the past we have had a great turnout and we hope that there will be a repeat performance."

In order to give blood, potential donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years of age. Donors must also be in good health, and eight weeks must have passed since their last donation.

Carol Meyers, donor recruitment representative for the Community Blood Center, said that because of blood drive cancellations in the Kansas City area because of weather, the blood is badly needed.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

Third-grader Mataya Wooton reacts to her throw at Bearcat Lanes. The third and fourth-graders from St. Gregory's bowled Thursday for Catholic Schools Week.

Foundation created to benefit schools

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

The Maryville school district is in the process of forming a new foundation under the General Nonprofit Corporation Law from the IRS.

The new foundation will work with charitable purposes to administer funds into educational programs. The foundation would benefit students of the Maryville R-II School District.

Not only would the foundation provide educational opportunities for the students, but would also help with improvements on school campuses in the district.

"The foundation could provide primarily financial assistance for programs that would be above and beyond the ordinary budget," Superintendent Jay Reece said.

The foundation-administered funds would come from a variety of sources. Some might come through wills, others would be through district donations of the IRS code of 501C3. People can also make a donation to the foundation and receive tax benefits.

Reece set up a foundation at another school and said this one will be quite similar. Reces' former school did research for the foundation he had at his previous district.

Other schools that have set up foundations are faring very well, Reece said.

"I've talked with some other districts, and they are doing quite well," he said. "Others are receiving some benefit out of it, but haven't had the major donations."

The foundation will be operated by a Board of Directors still to be established. They will lay out the

groundwork on how the foundation will operate and how funds will be obtained. The board will then make the decision of how those funds would be dispersed.

Reece said the Maryville public school districts would benefit from a foundation.

"We have certainly a lot of things that are expenditures for us that are necessary for us out of our budget," Reece said. "That would be where the foundation comes in with those type of expenditures."

If the foundation is passed, there would be opportunity for certain areas of the school to improve with new buildings, a library expansion, a new gym floor or the purchase of new technology.

"Any school district can find a rationale for additional opportunities that they are submitting and changes that are taking place," Reece said. "There are a lot of changes that are taking place in the education field and a foundation may help us to access some of those additional programs."

The foundation would benefit the students and the instructional process. The principal purpose would be to foster educational opportunities for students in the school district.

The school district is looking toward the end of the school year or during the summer before the foundation will take effect. The school board will have a chance to take a look at it again before they decide if they want to proceed.

"In the long run an educational foundation can be very beneficial to any school district and it might be a great opportunity for us," Reece said.

Input for marina requested

By CLARK GRELL
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The city of Maryville organized a marina committee which met last Thursday to plan possible expansions to Mozingo Lake.

Mozingo Lake is in its sixth year of development, part of a 10-year development plan.

The committee is planning the installation of a marina as part of the lake's 10-year development plan. The marina's package would include a possibility of 20 slips, parking stalls for boats and a convenience store to provide gasoline.

Mayor Mike Thompson said two questions must be answered before the marina can be discussed.

"We need to find out if it is viable

to the community and we need to find out if there is enough interest for this to be done," Thompson said.

Thompson said a survey on interest in the project will be available for the public. Once the surveys are complete, the committee will be able to analyze what will be done. Thompson said there are many ways the committee can go with the possible project.

"We need enough interest and then we'll need to figure out what the cost will be and how we want to do it," Thompson said.

The committee is also welcoming advice from citizens that use the lake often. Thompson said the committee has also looked at other marinas for ideas on construction.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CAMPOBASSO/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Steve and Kathy Ludwig, along with daughter Amy, browse the arena full of projects at the Maryville Middle School Science Fair last weekend. The top 15 projects will advance to St. Joseph later this year.

Maryville Middle school has annual science fair, judging

By JAMIE RINEHART
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Burning radishes, magnets and shingles were all featured in the annual science fair at Maryville Middle School Jan. 25 and 26.

The fair was held for fifth through eighth-graders, who were all required to participate for their science classes. Students took part in group or individual projects that were chosen by the students and approved by the teachers.

"We spend a little bit of time brainstorming," eighth-grade teacher Susan Martin said. "Obviously the kids can pick something from class or similar to it and expand on the idea, and add to the experiment we've done and get an idea that way." After the students pick the project and put it together, they move on to the presentation step. Each student set up a display about their project and presented it to visitors and judges Saturday morning.

The judging is done differently every year. This year fifth-grade had an outside judge. Sixth-grade decided not to have a judging and declared all participants winners. Seventh and eighth-graders were judged by 15 community members who chose the top three in each grade level.

Winners in the seventh and eighth-grades can advance to a regional science fair in St. Joseph and can win monetary awards in the form of savings bonds and gift certificates.

"It's a very worthwhile experience," Martin said. "The kids really get into it and like it. It's hands-on,

they design it, they decide how to conduct it and when to conduct it. The kids feel really good when they get it all done. It's a real sense of accomplishment."

A lot of cooperation is required to put on the school-wide event. The computer teacher helps put together charts and graphs, the librarian helps gather resources, the administration and maintenance staff help set projects up, the English teachers proofread projects, and the art teacher helps design displays.

Teachers also help students throughout various aspects of their projects.

"They do all of the projects here at school and we do them step by step so there isn't a ton of responsibility all at once," said fifth-grade teacher Nina Wiederholt. "Working on the projects in segments makes it much easier for the students."

Seventh-grader Christina Brown said that the fair was more than just a few science projects.

"It took quite awhile, you had to know how to average stuff and how to make a table to keep track of all your stuff," Brown said.

Brown also addressed the cooperation that goes into creating the projects.

"I even had Mrs. Miller, the special education teacher, look over my project speech to make sure the grammar was correct," she said.

The fair was a success for students, teachers and guests. Through the fun, students kept in mind what was most important.

"The best part will be if I get a good grade or not," Brown said.

Students participate in Catholic Schools Week

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Of the many values taught by Catholic schools nationwide, volunteerism and serving others rank high on the list. Because of this, more than 14,000 Catholic school students in the Kansas City/St. Joseph Diocese will serve others in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

The annual week of recognition, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, was established in 1974. Across the nation, 8,146 Catholic schools and 2.5 million students participate.

The event will be celebrated locally by St. Gregory's Catholic School. Throughout the week, students participate in activities involving volunteerism.

"Teaching young people the importance of serving others is a necessary aspect of education," said Judith Warren, superintendent of schools in the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph. "We can talk with students about how volunteering makes a difference in the community, but everyone learns best by doing."

St. Gregory's will celebrate the week with activities throughout each school day. The students began the week Monday with the theme, "Stewarding God's City and our Community." Mayor Pro Tem Ron Moss read a proclamation on behalf of the City Council declaring the week as Catholic Schools Week in Maryville.

Tuesday's theme was "Stewarding God's City and our Students."

Students enjoyed a day of activities including bowling, rollerskating and movies.

The student council and Hy-Vee prepared a breakfast for St. Gregory's faculty and staff Wednesday in the theme of "Stewarding God's City and our Faculty and Staff."

Students will volunteer Thursday in celebration of the theme "Stewarding God's City and our Volunteers." The day has been declared Day of Service. Students will bring food items and will then display them in the shape of a house to represent both the hungry and the homeless. Students will also recognize area volunteers.

"St. Gregory's has volunteers that serve all year long," said Secretary Janet Scheffe. "This is the time when the students recognize our volunteers for their time and talent, as well as doing volunteer work of their own."

The students end the week Friday with Grandparents and Special Friends Day for the theme "Stewarding God's City and Families." Lunch will be served to more than 500 students and guests for the event.

Scheffe said the week is special for all who participate.

"Time, talent and treasure are so important at St. Gregory's," Scheffe said. "We use this week to teach students the importance of serving others, which is a necessary aspect of education, as well as recognizing administrators, teachers and staff for their professionalism."

Girl Scouts celebrate 90th year by selling new cookie

By DEVIN RANKIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Once again, the Girl Scouts of the Midland Empire will be selling cookies starting this week and continuing through Feb. 11.

Cookies are available in eight varieties and cost \$3 a box.

2002 marks the 90th birthday of the Girl Scouts. The organization began March 12, 1912 when the first meeting was held in Savannah, Ga. Around 1920, the Girl Scouts began selling cookies in order to fund the organization and it was a success. By 1944 the Girl Scouts had acquired over 1 million members and today it has grown to 2.5 million girls who actively participate.

Cookie selling plays an important role in the Girl Scouts. Activities such as the cookie sales give the girls many skills that will be impor-

tant later in life. Community Cookie Chairperson Deb McIntyre said selling cookies helps the girls understand essential skills like money management, goal setting, and dealing with the public.

"I think it is a good opportunity for the girls to get involved in the community," McIntyre said. "It gives them the chance to help budget money and learn the technique of sales."

With the Girl Scouts' 90th birthday in mind, they have dedicated a new cookie called "Friendship Circles" to their list. This particular cookie has the word "friend" printed on both sides in one of 18 different languages to symbolize that being a friend is what girl scouting is all about.

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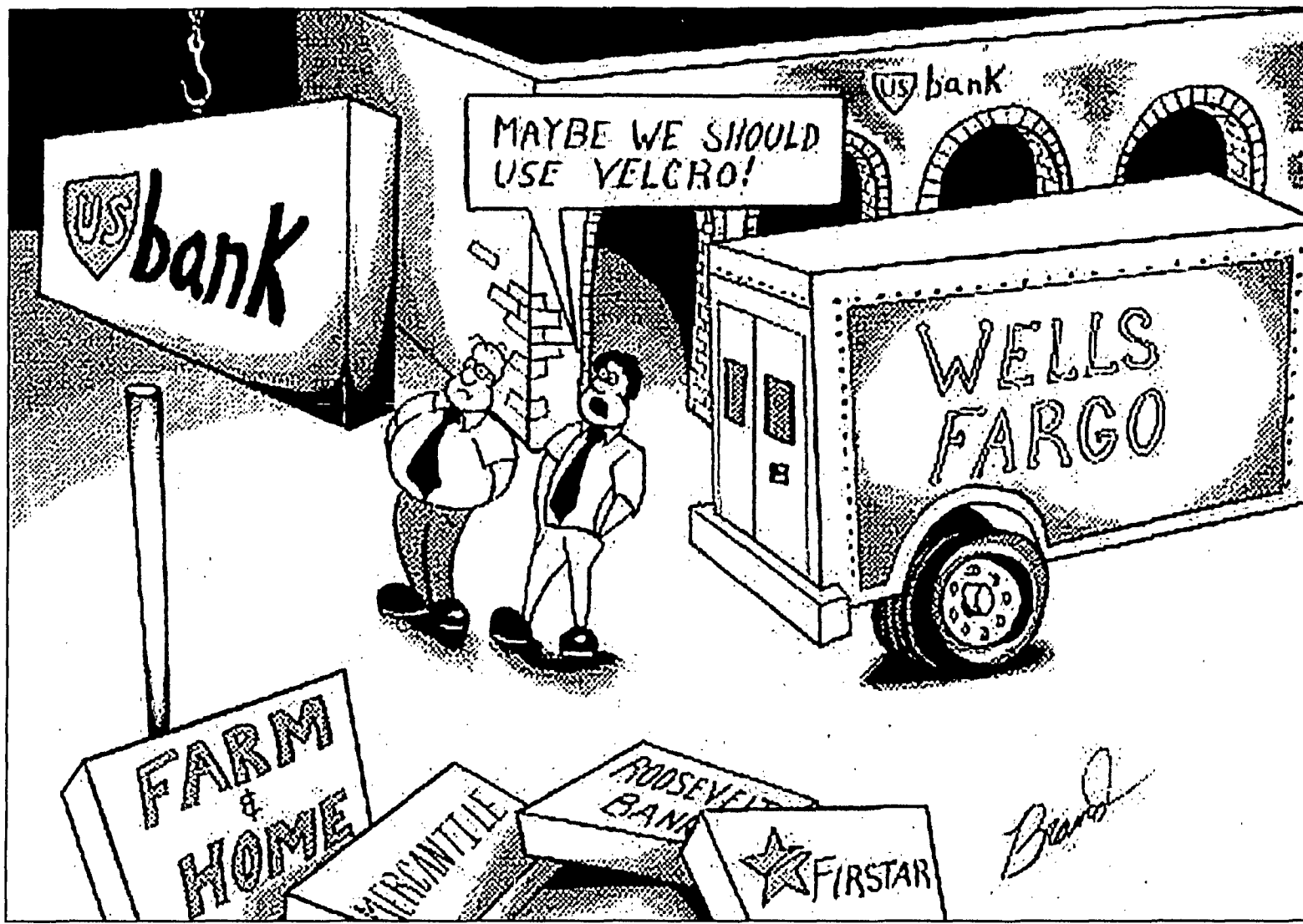
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OUR VIEW

Human rights

United States treating Afghan prisoners fairly in Cuba, providing with basic needs, even luxuries

Many human rights activist groups have recently expressed concern that the treatment of Afghan detainees in Guantanamo Bay is wrong and inhumane.

These al Qaeda network members have declared war on the United States. They have been captured while attempting to kill American officers. What would these activists consider appropriate living conditions for these men who seek to take innocent lives?

Pictures in British newspapers show the detainees in handcuffs during transport. Human rights activists have claimed that the prisoners are forced to live in cages.

The cuffs were placed on the prisoners to keep them from revolting and attempting to kill American officers. The so-called cages that each prisoner is forced to live in is an 8-by-8 foot cell with a bed and open roofs all located in the warm climate of Cuba.

The detainees are given three full meals a day that comply with their culture standards. They are permitted to have writing material and are provided with prayer mats. The Pentagon recently sent over 400 copies of the Koran.

A military hospital has been set up on the complex and many detainees have had surgery and received medical treatment that far exceeds anything they could have received in Afghanistan.

The Red Cross has passed on messages to the prisoners' families at their request.

It is hard to say that the treatment in Guantanamo is inhumane. In all likelihood they are being provided for far better than they were in Afghanistan.

These men hate the United States and purposely targeted the killing of innocent civilians all over the world. The United States is trying to interrogate these men to help rid the world of more terrorists to prevent future attacks. If anything the United States is giving these terrorist a better environment than they had living in Afghanistan. Add cable TV and Internet access and they would be provided with the same living conditions as your average college student.

Since when is the United States supposed to comfort the criminals that have already taken thousands of Americans' freedom of security and wish to destroy our nation?

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THE FIRE THIS TIME

Music limited by terrorist attacks



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

The bizarre world of popular music has certainly changed since Sept. 11—if only by getting stranger. It remains to be seen whether new pop will become, as artists like Ja Rule and U2's Bono have predicted, more politically and socially conscious, or if it will simply settle for strangeness.

Perhaps the most peculiar impact of the attacks on popular music has been the resurgence of John Lennon's classic "Imagine." Almost immediately after the attacks, the song seemed to surface everywhere—so much that Rolling Stone dubbed it the anthem of 2001. At times, it was poignant and beautiful and at others, just bitterly ironic.

On Sept. 21, Neil Young, a singer/songwriter in a class with Lennon and very few others, sang an impassioned version of the song on the celebrity telethon "America: A Tribute to Heroes."

Meanwhile, Clear Channel, owner of almost 1,200 music stations as well as SFX Entertainment and probably the most powerful controller of what people hear on the radio, had already circulated a list of songs that they felt were "inappropriate" and thus heavily suggested not playing them on their stations. And, in case the suggestion wasn't strong enough, Clear Channel fired Davey D, a political Community Affairs Director at one of their San Francisco stations.

Their absurd list of over 150 songs

included everything ever recorded by Rage Against the Machine—who's Web page, incidentally, was shut down by the secret service on Sept. 14, thus making clear that we have an extremely limited and biased view of free speech in this country. The list's more bizarre choices included benign '50s hits like Buddy Holly's "That'll Be the Day," Ricky Nelson's "Travelin' Man" and classics like Jimi Hendrix's "Hey Joe," Pink Floyd's "Mother," and, you guessed it, John Lennon's "Imagine." So, while New Yorkers gathered at Lennon's Imagine memorial to grieve and reflect on the tragedy, they weren't allowed to hear the song on the radio.

Not long afterward, before an L.A. Lakers game, Seal sang "Imagine" with a backdrop of patriotic images, waving American flags and screaming basketball fans. Apparently, the public relations people at Staples Center hadn't listened to the song before they decided to recast it as a patriotic anthem in a time of war. One of the song's central lyrics, penned by an ardent pacifist who was once kept out of the United States, is "Imagine there's no countries/ It isn't hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for/ And no religion too/ Imagine all the people/ Living life in peace."

Regardless of people's motives or misconceptions, "Imagine" has been an alluring symbol since the attacks. In October, I was lucky enough to witness

perhaps the most meaningful post-Sept. 11 rendition of "Imagine," at the Neil Young Bridge School Benefit in San Francisco. After a long night of oft-tearful performances by some of the world's best artists, Young and Crazy Horse closed the show. At the end of their set, without a word, they began playing "Imagine" as the song's lyrics appeared on big screens, and thousands sang the song together.

Perhaps another Lennon song, from the "Imagine" album and performed that night by Pearl Jam, is even more important right now than "Imagine" has been. It is especially important at a time when Republicans and Democrats joined together to pass a bill to limit the freedoms we are supposed to be protecting. It is especially important when the starvation of countless people in Afghanistan are only background stories, and the government is more deeply tied to corporations than its people. And, most dangerously of all, our leaders seem committed to finding those responsible for the terrorist attacks, but simultaneously refuse to honestly address the root causes of terrorism. Lennon's "Gimme Some Truth" is more powerful than it ever has been, demanding to be heard with every searing line. The verdict is still out on whether the world's leaders have heard either Lennon song in past months.

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YOUR VIEW

With Kmart's filing of Chapter 11, what do you think will be the next corporation to declare bankruptcy?



Adam Hennessy
Business management major



Steve Houts
Maryville resident

"I think it'll be Sears because it will fall behind Wal-Mart and other big companies."

"It's hard to say. There might be some cutbacks or shuffling of divisions in the auto industry in order to keep up."



Danielle Patee-Merrill
Advertising major



Sharon Neustadter
Maryville resident

"J.C. Penney's because it can't compete with places like Jones, Dillards and other mall-type businesses."

"It won't be Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart is a happening place. It won't be Target, either. It might be Penney's."

MY VIEW

Students' apathy frustrating, complaints need action



DANNY BURNS
DAILY ONLINE MANAGING EDITOR

If you always complain about Northwest ... read this. If you think your voice really doesn't matter in a sea of thousands ... read this. And if you don't read this, well ... you're probably just like every other person that sits around criticizing the University and Maryville, while doing nothing to change it.

For the past four months, Pepsi vending machines throughout campus have been unstocked and out of service. Now for some of you, this might not be a big deal, but for others, being able to escape the brutal robbery in the Union for a 20 ounce beverage is a big deal.

I sent a few e-mails to Franken Hall Director Kristen Jackson, inquiring about the status of the machines. After repeated attempts, she got nowhere. I then sent an e-mail to Northwest President Dean Hubbard. And, in a matter of days, machines that had once been empty and out of order were now stocked with bottle upon bottle of ice cold, refreshing beverages. Card machines were back in service and people had a choice. Pay \$1 for a 20 ounce

product or walk over to the Union and get ransacked for \$1.35.

Now whether or not my e-mail to our University's president was enough to finally get those machines serviced and stocked is not the point. Think on a larger scale. Action does not occur without something to cause that action. But our generation tends to get a little squeamish when it comes to actually doing something.

We would much rather sit in front of our 27 inch televisions watching "Survivor" or playing PlayStation, sipping a cappuccino or Mountain Dew and complain about everything that's wrong with our campus, our community and our world.

"Someone else will take care of it," or "Who cares?" usually closes out the conversation. Getting our hands dirty, and forcing action is simply too much trouble.

Meanwhile, we say the Union food is terrible, but continue to go, not daring to organize, boycott or protest. We swear up and down after paying our state "surcharge" which raised tuition this year, but never question why the

state of Missouri doesn't cut other programs. We never ask during a time of budget cuts, why our University pumps large amounts of money into programs that only affect a few. We curse Campus Safety parking tickets; we tell our friends there's nothing to do in Maryville and at the end of each conversation say, "Oh well, someone else will take care of it."

Newsflash, no one else will take care of it. And until we decide that we want to actually do something to cause change, we will continue to get stepped on, pushed aside and labeled as an easy target. "They won't do anything, they don't vote, they don't say anything, they don't even care," will continue to be echoed behind closed doors.

It's simple ... if you want change, make it happen. Otherwise, stop your complaining, get back in front of your television and PlayStation, grab another mocha or Mountain Dew and be content with letting "someone else take care of it."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

- GED Test, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall 120
- Pre-med Club meeting, 6 p.m., Garrett Strong 2520
- Planning for Business Success Conference, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Building
- Mortar Board Senior Honor Society informational meeting, 7 p.m., Lakeview room
- "Love Letters," 7:30 p.m., The Performing Arts Center

MONDAY

- Kindergarten Roundup, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eugene Field Elementary School
- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon, Wesley Center
- Fall Semester Student Teacher Meeting, 3:30 registration, 4 p.m. meeting, Student Union Ballroom
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m., Wesley Center

FRIDAY

- GED Test, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall 120
- Team Leadership Regional Conference, Student Union Ballroom
- Last day to register for Red Cross Mental Health Training, call Carla Long at 816-232-8439

TUESDAY

- Kindergarten Roundup, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eugene Field Elementary School
- RHA Health/Fitness Committee Free Rec Center Night, 10 p.m. to midnight, Student Rec Center
- National Acrobats of Taiwan, 7:30 p.m., The Performing Arts Center

SATURDAY

- Groundhog Day
- Team Leadership Regional Conference, Student Union Ballroom
- Show/Jazz Choir Festival, 8 a.m., The Performing Arts Center

WEDNESDAY

- Kindergarten Roundup, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eugene Field Elementary School
- Political Science Department Lecture, 5 p.m., Union Ballroom
- Pre-law Society meeting, 4 p.m., Colden Hall 3950
- Alpha Omega Society Greeks for Christ, 9 p.m., Roberta Hall Lounge

SUNDAY

- Open gym (students fifth grade and above), 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Maryville High School gym
- Northwest Softball Winter Clinic, pitching, catching or hitting. Pre-registration required, call 562-1783.

THURSDAY

- Kindergarten Roundup, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eugene Field Elementary School
- Distinguished Lecturer: Pearl Duncan, 8 p.m., The Performing Arts Center
- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center
- Northwest Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, 8 p.m., Colden Hall 3300

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 25

■ An officer served a Probation and Parole warrant on Tricia K. Sproat, 22, Maryville, for probation violation. She was transported to Nodaway County Jail where she is being held for Probation and Parole.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that a window had been broken out at a business in the 200 block of North Buchanan.

■ An officer received a report of a vehicle accident in the 1200 block of North Main. Upon arrival, the driver of the vehicle was identified as Rhonda L. Wynn, 37, Burlington Junction. While speaking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for driving while

intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Jan. 26

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main, that a female individual has purchased items commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Shawna R. Strough, 21, Lenox, Iowa, was issued a summons for possession of a chemical with the intent to create a controlled substance.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Michael P. Callahan, 19, Blue Springs. While speaking with him an odor of marijuana was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated and issued summonses for possession of 35 grams or less marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Zachary T. Godwin, 18, Maryville,

was issued summonses for possession of 35 grams or less marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ An officer served a Johnson County warrant on Matthew B. Coleman, 23, Buckner, for passing bad checks. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail to await extradition to Johnson County.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone was cashing forged payroll checks.

Jan. 27

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her wallet was taken from the 200 block of West Second.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 300 block of North Main that individuals were attempting to enter the business using altered identifications. Amanda G. Kincade, 18, Maryville;

Laquisha E. Brooks, 18, Maryville; and Summer D. Blough, 18, Maryville, were issued summonses for possession of an altered driver's license. Mary K. Smitka, 17, Liberty, was issued a summons for possession of another person's identification.

■ Fire units responded to a smoke investigation in the 25000 block of 247th Street. Upon arrival the fire was determined to be coming from an improperly installed fireplace insert. The fire was extinguished and damage was contained to the fireplace.

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of North Walnut. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Nathan T. Tunison, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests,

Northwest welcome



PHOTO BY ALYSHA KEITH/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

High school students came to Northwest Jan. 26 to attend the University's Winter VIP day. The day gives potential students the opportunity to learn more about Northwest and the programs that are offered here.

which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for exceeding the posted speed limit.

DEATHS

James Robert Kneale

James Robert Kneale, 75, Maitland, died Jan. 25, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Feb. 10, 1926, to Chester and Louise Kneale in Maitland.

He is survived by his mother, Louise; one son, James Kneale; one granddaughter, Stephanie Kneale; one nephew, Richard Kneale and one niece, Teena Popek.

Services were Jan. 30 at Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Maitland Cemetery in Maitland.

Lela Edna Lee

Lela Edna Lee, 93, Elmo, died Jan. 25, at Goldenrod Manor, Clarinda, Iowa.

She was born Oct. 27, 1908, to Bert and Rhoda Spangler in Elmo.

She is survived by one daughter, Beverly Russell; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 29 at Graveside-High Prairie Cemetery in Elmo. Burial was at High Prairie in Elmo.

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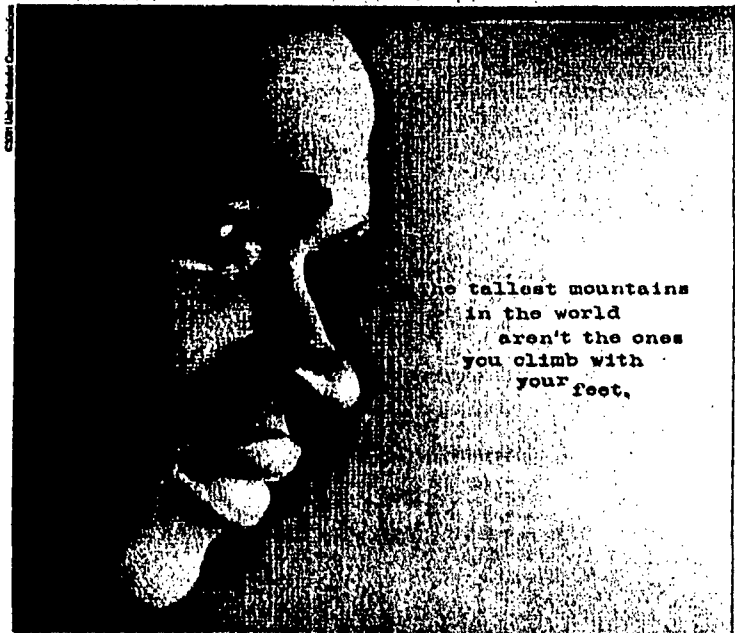
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Foiled Foliage

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Warm weather in January may wipe away our winter blues, but without a break, plants can be severely damaged.

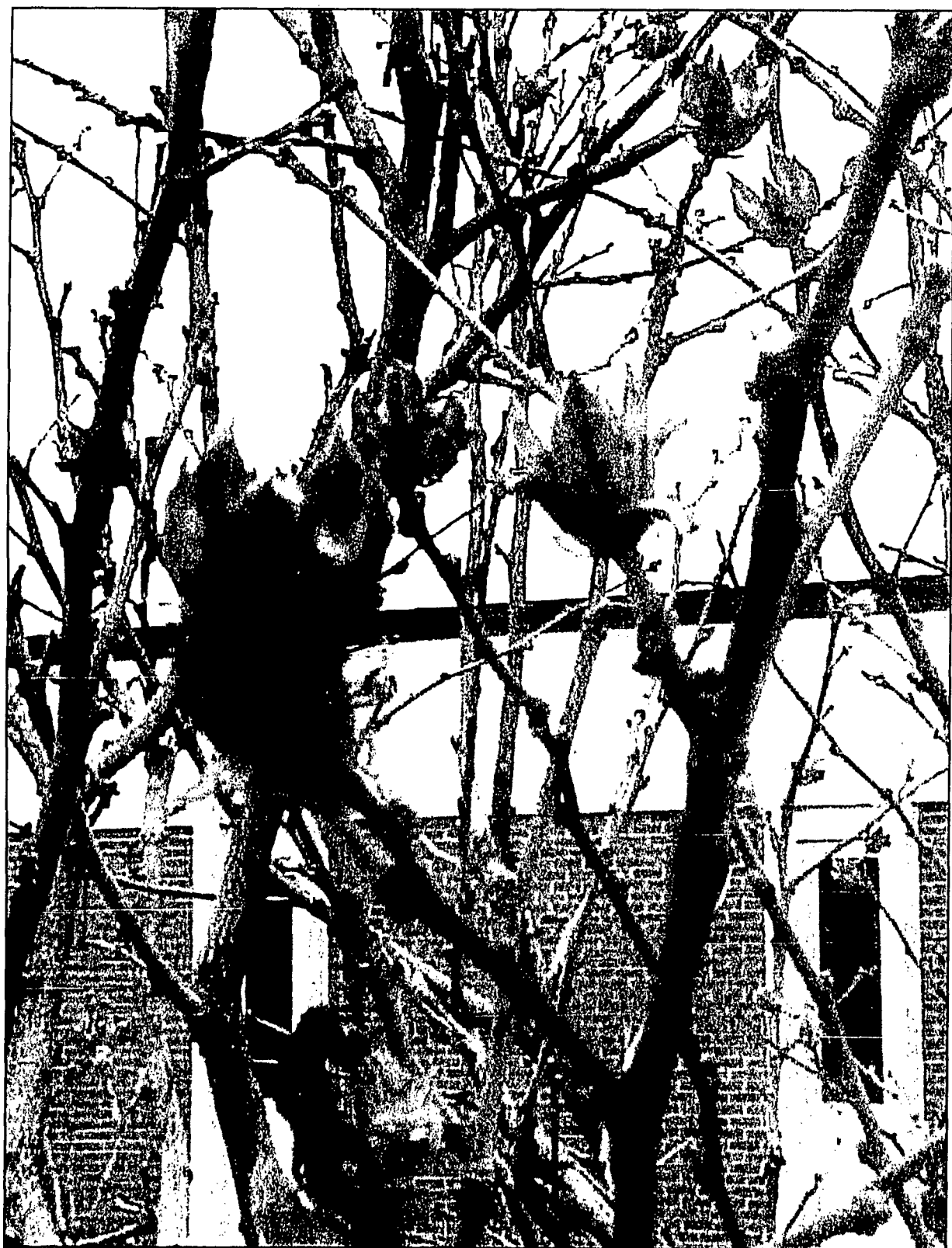


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Trees like this outside Valk were misled to produce buds much earlier than normal. The buds on this tree and many like it will more than likely have fewer buds in the spring during its normal budding season.

A steady, warm breeze floats through the window and silently parts white lace curtains. The sunbeams shine bright, but float down slowly from the sky. Pounding hammers of roofers can be heard in the distance with intermittent spurts of laughter. Children squeal in delight as they take turns swinging upside down from the jungle gym. The only thing missing is the rustle of trees' leaves slapping against each other in one unified orchestra of spring.

Why? It's not time yet. All this is happening a couple of months too early and tricking everyone - including the trees - into thinking summer is going to come knockin' on our doors any time.

While many of us have been enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures and heading outdoors, nature has been pleading for stability. Without the proper time to naturally take a winter vacation from productivity, they can become weak and eventually die.

In a report to CBS News, Gary Couvillon, a University of Georgia horticulture professor, stated that 10 to 40 percent of spring-blooming flowers bloomed in late fall. While it was nice to have fresh flowers from the garden at Thanksgiving, gardeners are concerned it will make for a less colorful and productive spring.

Contrary to what some people think, water plays a major role in keeping plants healthy and durable year-round. In the summer, moisture keeps them from wilting in the hot sun and in the winter, it keeps plants from being killed by extreme weather.

This winter, plants are being frozen, thawed and frozen again, which limits the amount of leaves or blossoms a plant or tree will produce.

Trees' leaves have two chances to bud. In other words, they can get killed in a late freeze and still have another chance to grow later in the same year. However, if a blossom on a tree that produces fruit is frozen and killed, the chances of that tree being productive in the spring are very slim.

Chuck Ellis, manager and landscape designer for Earl May Nursery and Garden Center, said that in combination with the warmer temperatures, lack of moisture in the ground could cause trees and plants to become stressed, bringing other factors into the picture.

"It might not be just that one specific thing killing the plant," Ellis said. "Disease attacks, insects attack. They seem to know weak plants - it's kind of a survival thing."

Unfortunately, we cannot change the weather or control the temperature. What we can do is take measures to try and protect plants from further damage.

"What people should be doing right now is watering," Ellis said. "Because as (warmer temperatures are) happening, plants are using up moisture. The ground is actually pretty dry right now."

Because of the dry spell this winter, the ground is pretty dry and water is essential to plant survival, Ellis said. What people should do is water while the weather is nice so when it does go back to freezing temperatures, the plants have a chance of survival.

"If there's no moisture in the ground when that happens, that root system gets as cold as whatever the air temperature is," Ellis said. "That's damaging to a plant; that will kill a lot of plants. If you have water around the root system, it freezes like an ice cube and it protects it."

The best way to keep plants healthy throughout winter until spring rolls around is to take preventative measures. Fall is the best time to get moisture into the ground, and mulching around the base of plants will help retain moisture once it is there.

Even if the blossoms pop out too early, gardeners can still preserve fruit blossoms during a freeze. Ellis said that some orchard owners turn sprinklers on trees when they see a freeze coming. It will freeze the fruit and protect it from further damage; however, it may have to be harvested at that time.

Another factor Ellis cautioned about is choosing the right types of plants for the zone we live in. Zones are determined by climate and stretch horizontally across the United States. Maryville falls into Zone 4, which supports plants for a cooler climate.

But just because plants will survive two hours south of Maryville does not mean they will survive here. Both Kansas City, Mo., and St. Joseph, fall into Zone 5, which supports plants and trees that can withstand some cooler temperatures but can not take a beating. A tree such as a dogwood is zoned for that region, but might fair as well in Maryville.

"They'll grow in Kansas City," Ellis said. "We can even grow them here, but in a bad season, those are plants that will suffer."

While warmer temperatures are nice for us, they can have a detrimental effect on plant life from the roots up. Keeping them moist and choosing species zoned for this area can help a landscape survive through a warm, mild winter.

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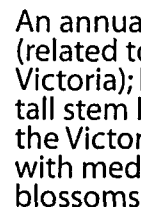
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Plants zoned for Maryville (Zone 4)



Victoria

An annual; has a tall stem with tiny blossoms sweeping up to the tip.



Lady in Red

An annual (related to the Victoria); has a tall stem like the Victoria with medium blossoms that sweep up to the tip.



Donald Wyman

A shrub; short, green and leafy with tiny blossoms at the top.



Music Box

A perennial; blossoms pour out the tip of the stem with about five petals around blossoms in a bell shape.



Miss Kim

A tree; smaller with white blossoms during spring blooming.

*To find more trees, shrubs and flowers, look in the Midwestern Gardeners Handbook produced by Earl May.

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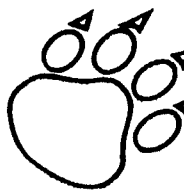
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Junior Jake Lancaster practices escaping from junior Evan Durfey during Tuesday's practice. The 'Hounds wrestling team will compete in districts this Saturday. The

top four wrestlers from each weight at districts will move to sectionals the following weekend. The top four finishers in each weight class will advance to the state meet.

Maryville wrestling

Grapplers prepare for district tourney

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds grappling squad has a week off from meets to prepare for the district tournament Saturday in Maryville.

Only the top four finishers in each weight class in districts advance to sectional play. The rest pack up and call it a season.

Head coach Joe Drake already has a good idea who his wrestlers will face in their respective weight classes, and is preparing his athletes for what could be their last matches of the season.

"Right now we're concentrating on making sure we are as prepared as we can be going into Saturday," Drake said. "Later on in the week, we will focus on who is wrestling who."

The 'Hounds are looking for better results this year in district play, as they have not been victorious in this tournament in the last two years.

"After a disappointing district last year, we're looking to wrestle a lot better," Drake said. "It's going to be a close team race between about three other schools, so we really have to work at getting things done right in preparation."

The 'Hounds will be enjoying home turf advantage in this year's district meet, which may give them a slight edge over competition.

"There's always an advantage in having districts or sectionals at

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Location: Maryville High School

■ Top four wrestlers from each weight bracket advance to the sectional meet

home, as we always have a good following of supportive fans," Drake said. "Also, the athletes are more relaxed because they don't have to get up and travel somewhere."

The district tournament kicks off at 10 a.m.

The 'Hounds warmed up for the tournament Jan. 26 as they played host to the Maryville Varsity Tournament.

Maryville had several wrestlers place in the top four in their weight classes, including sophomore Jonathan Reed who finished first in varsity action.

Finishing second in their weight classes were freshman Jason Tuggle and juniors Derek Merrill and Evan Durfey.

Senior C.J. Messner and freshman Justin Driskell each finished fourth.

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Maryville girls' basketball

'Hounds ready for conference leader

By ASHLEE ERWIN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

This year's Homecoming is all about getting back on track for the Maryville girls' basketball team.

The 'Hounds, 10-10 overall and 0-2 in the Midland Empire Conference, are looking to snap a four-game losing streak Thursday against Smithville, their first game on Spoofhound hardwood since Jan. 5.

Winning may take more than just home-court advantage for the 'Hounds as the Warriors are currently sporting an impressive 17-3 record.

"They're as good as it gets," head coach Randall Cook said.

Despite the added pressure of Homecoming in trying to notch a win, Cook feels his team should be ready for the challenge.

"I certainly hope so," Cook said in predicting the team's preparedness. "It's a home game and it's Homecoming, so I don't know why you wouldn't."

A lack of focus hampered the 'Hounds Monday as they lost to Platte County, 48-31.

"I just didn't think we were ready to play," Cook said. "We weren't

ready to do what we had to do."

The Pirates dominated Maryville in the first half, taking a 25-9 half-time lead. A 22-point 'Hound offensive charge in the second half helped to keep pace with Platte County's 23 points, but the hole was already too deep as they fell 48-31.

"The game plan didn't really change in the second half," Cook said. "We just actually used the game plan in the second half."

Senior Sundi Sutton's 12 points led Maryville, with junior Cauleen Bradley chipping in seven points. Senior Erin Lohafer contributed five points.

A weak second half Jan. 25 at Savannah led to the same result as the Savages dropped the 'Hounds 60-42.

"We just have lapses where mentally we're not around," Cook said. "We're not paying attention to what we need to do on defense and executing on offense. It's just not there for a while."

Lohafer connected for 16 points in the loss, followed by Bradley with 12 points. Sophomore Hilary Reynolds added six points.

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Northwest indoor track & field

Bearcats continue to improve

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the conference meet gets closer, the Northwest indoor track teams continue to gradually make progress for a strong showing.

"We keep improving," women's coach Vicki Wooton said. "They gave 110 percent and that's what we have to do every week."

After the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, both coaches feel their squads are closer to where they would like to be for conference.

"Everyone's working really hard and are trying to improve," men's coach Richard Alsup said. "Several individuals bettered their times."

The Northwest women came away from Saturday's meet winning the overall for the second week in a row by defeating the Nebraska Wesleyan squad 145-130.

Junior Jenny Simmons, in the pole vault, and sophomore Mary Wirt's performance in the weight throw provisionally qualified them for nationals.

Both Simmons and Wirt placed first in their events for the second meet in a row.

Simmons soared to a height of 11-feet, 3-inches and Wirt tossed for a distance of 51 feet.

Other Bearcat women that

placed first were senior April House in the 55-meter dash, juniors Kadie Campbell in the 55-meter hurdles, Sara Wolff in the shot put, Jill Fisher in the long jump and Mariah Clark in the triple jump.

House, for the second meet in a row, burned her competitors with a time of 7.25 seconds while Campbell ran her way to a time of 8.90 seconds.

Wolff tossed a distance of 40-feet, 6.5-inches, after a second-place finish at the Dennis Young Invitational.

Fisher leaped her way to a distance of 12-feet, 3.5-inches and Clark soared to a distance of 34-1 1/4 for her first victory of the indoor track season.

The Northwest men followed up their first-place finish at the Dennis Young Invitational by finishing second overall at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational.

They finished behind the Nebraska Wesleyan squad by a score of 168-127.

Sophomores Conrad Woolsey and Daniel McKim both provisionally qualified nationally in the shot put.

Woolsey won the event with a heave of 55-11 and McKim, qualifying for the second meet in a row,

finished right behind Woolsey with a toss of 51-11 1/2.

First-place performances by the men were given by junior Joel Terry in the 55-meter hurdles, sophomore Pat Jordan, and freshmen Jamaica Rector and Jack Liebentritt.

Terry, winning the event for the second consecutive meet, flew to the head of the pack with a time of 7.77 seconds and Rector followed up his strong performance at the Dennis Young Invitational by soaring to a distance of 46-8 1/4.

In his first performance of the indoor season, Jordan leaped to a height of 6-5 and Liebentritt ran away with a time of 51.90 seconds.

The Bearcat indoor track teams will move onto their next meet Friday at the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan., which is considered by the coaches as the Bearcats' toughest test yet.

"This is a much larger meet," said Wooton. "Probably the toughest competition that we've come across. It'll give us a good idea of where we're at and what we need to improve on. They're really going to have to have their best effort."

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Special Olympics

Students organize tournament

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

With the help of Paula McNeil, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation, and dance, her administration of physical education class is organizing a Special Olympics basketball tournament.

Helping with the tournament is McNeil's adaptive physical education class, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the Maryville girls' basketball team.

McNeil and Brent Deardoff, area coordinator for the Special Olympics are the advisors for the event.

McNeil thanked the North Nodaway Spanish Club for running concessions and custodian Terry Davidson for his services.

The tournament will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at North Nodaway High School and has teams ranging from St. Louis to Nodaway County.

The participants will be involved in individual skills competitions as well as basketball games.

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Vollertsen had a career-high 19 points in a victory over Missouri-Rolla. She also had 11 rebounds in the win.

Sara Vollertsen



Hullinger, a senior, led the 'Hounds in scoring on Thursday and Friday with 21 and 15 points respectively.

Ross Hullinger



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QUARTERBACKS

What Olympic event do you look forward to the most and why?



"My favorite event is women's figure skating because you have to respect their talent and beauty."
Andrew Roth
Marketing major



"Men's hockey is fun to watch and there is never a dull moment."
Arrick Jayzuka
Marketing major



"Figure skating. It's like dancing on ice."
Megan Kavanaugh
Pre-med major



"Hockey, because it is the only sport that I watch in the Olympics. I also know some of the players on the team."
Trevor McMahon
History major

Sun Belt Conference baseball

South Alabama baseball gears up for start of 2002 season

By J.R. WITTNER

THE VANGUARD (U. SOUTH ALABAMA)

(U-WIRE) MOBILE, Ala. - In 2001, the South Alabama baseball team compiled some big-time statistics. The team amassed 45 wins, was ranked as high as ninth in the nation, finished the season ranked in the Top 25, and won their 10th Sun Belt Conference tournament, as well as their 10th conference title, sharing the regular season championship with Middle Tennessee State.

However, gone from last year's team are some key offensive components. The leading hitter, Nick Grez, (.375), the leading home run hitter and RBI producer, Tim Merritt, (12 HRs, 65 RBIs), and the team's leading stolen base threat, Cameron Likely, (23-of-29 in stolen bases) are gone to the Major League Baseball draft.

Still, USA head coach Steve Kittrell is optimistic about the upcoming year.

"I think one of our strengths is going to be our depth," Kittrell said. "We have a lot of depth to go with the returning players this year."

Offensively, the Jaguars return outfielders Ryan Mulhern and Erik

Smallwood. Mulhern was tied with Merritt for the team lead in home runs with 12 last year. Mulhern played in 59 of the Jags' 64 games, hitting .349 and driving in 49 runs. Smallwood hit second for the Jags most of last year playing in 63 games. Smallwood hit .270 but drove in 43 runs and was 17-of-20 in stolen bases.

Defensively, the Jags' two best pitchers are returning. Clark Girardeau was named freshman All-American last year compiling a 3.87 earned run average and going 10-4 in 22 appearances. Also coming back on the pitching staff is senior Tony Neal. Neal was 9-3 with a 3.89 ERA with five complete games in 19 appearances last year. According to Kittrell, Neal may miss the year due to an arm injury.

This year's schedule is highlighted with top programs from top to bottom. The non-conference schedule is once again tough as the Jags go on the road to places like Ole Miss, Clemson and Florida State.

"Last year's schedule may have been a little too easy," Kittrell said. "I think we peaked a little early in the year and didn't play up to our

potential in the regional."

The strength of the Sun Belt Conference has grown over the past few years with the addition of Florida International. Kittrell felt that scheduling was important because of the size of the conference.

"We need to schedule teams like Auburn and Florida State," Kittrell said. "We had a long standing run with Wichita State, who is coming in for the Coca-Cola Classic, and next year we open up with Southern California, and they are going to come here in 2004."

This year should be no different than the past few in the conference. Louisiana-Lafayette was picked to win the league followed by USA and FIU.

"The league was real balanced last year," Kittrell said. "Lafayette is the team to beat because they have so many players returning. I think our league is one of the most underrated in the country even though we sent three teams to regionals last year."

USA begins the season with the Hall of Fame game Feb. 2 before actually opening the season at home Feb. 8 - 10 against Mississippi Valley State.

SPORTS TALK

Ads spice up Super Bowl

The regular season and the playoffs are over. After Super Bowl weekend the football season officially comes to an end.

This year's game should be an interesting one. Many fans have been wondering which one of two quality quarterbacks the Patriots will be starting.

The strong throwing arm of Rams quarterback Kurt Warner and the explosive speed and power of running back Marshall Faulk have been difficult for opposing teams to stop this season.

Super Bowl weekend is always exciting. For most men around the country the Super Bowl is almost considered a national holiday. It is a time to inhale hotdogs, barbecue, drink beer and be loud and obnoxious with the rest of the guys.

OK, so it is the same as every

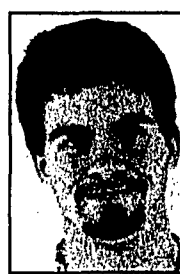
other weekend in most regards.

In my personal experiences it has also been the one weekend out of the year that most ladies will sit and claim to enjoy watching football.

Let's not forget the most exciting part of any Super Bowl. It's not the food, the beer or even the game itself. It's the commercials.

Nobody leaves the room to go to the bathroom or run to the kitchen when a commercial comes on during the Super Bowl. Who could forget the event that brought us the Budweiser frogs and lizards? Remember the Bud Bowl? What ever happened to that? Those used to be the funniest commercials to watch.

Why are the Super Bowl commercials always so entertaining?



JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

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The leading advertiser this year will again be Budweiser who has bought 10 slots, bringing their tab to \$40 million. A measly drop in the bucket compared to the millions of cans and bottles of beer that they will sell this weekend.

Those crazy and whacked-out commercials certainly bring an added bonus to what is already the greatest sporting event of the year.

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Northwest indoor track & field		Jayhawk Invitational					
Maryville boys' bball		Smithville 8 p.m.			Chillicothe 8 p.m.		
Maryville girls' bball	Smithville 8 p.m.					Chillicothe 8 p.m.	
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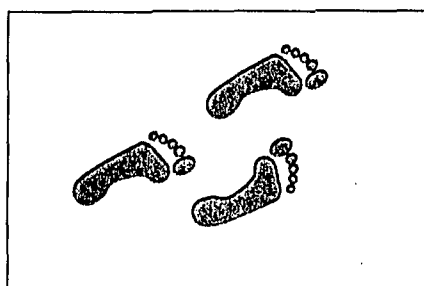
School longer than needed

Can anyone tell me the average amount of time it takes a student on this campus to totally finish their education? I don't just mean undergraduate, but even as far up as the distinguished doctorate degree? Let me guess, you answered somewhere between four and eight years of schooling to finally leave this place of higher learning. Wrong! There could be the potential for students to spend every stinking year of their lives on this campus learning something.

Think about it for a minute and you too will figure it out. And if you haven't figured it out yet, then let me walk you through the life of a Northwest baby.

The first day of pre-school has arrived and two excited parents and one unsuspecting toddler walk into a building stuck in the middle of this place called Horace Mann. It's the first day of preschool and our little student is finger-painting and wetting his pants with all the other faculty's kids, until he takes his first graduating steps into the real world of the lab school housed in the same building.

These first few years our student begins to realize that he isn't like all the other elementary students out there. Oh no, he is the product of a lab school where there never seems to be a consistent teaching routine every semester. In fact, by the time he is in the sixth grade he will have had anywhere from six to 120 teachers in his educational career. And the rest of us thought



THE STROLLER

memorizing the multiplication tables were tough; try remembering all those names.

OK, here is where it gets a little tricky since this campus does not have a middle or high school. But, it isn't inconceivable that the parents of a student are faculty members and would prefer to home school their children. What better way to teach them than at a school with the resources any public school would kill for? The child has now spent all of his life at this school and has decided enough is enough; he wants to attend a school with children his own age.

But I imagine that it will only be a matter of time before Northwest feels it should expand the Academy by introducing students when they are freshmen. When that happens, a middle school will have to be built to accommodate all those students who want to be in the Pre-Academy program. And

they, of course, will be the only ones of their kind. Which is good news to those faculty that don't want to take the time to home school.

Only by dumb luck this school is an accelerated learning center located just about 100 yards from where our student first wet his cute little cheeks with the tears he cried as Miss Somebody wiped the blood off his leg from where he scraped it playing on the tennis courts. So, here he is in high school, well kind of.

From here you probably guessed what happens next. That's right; the college kids here ruined the decision-making part of our precious student's brain and convinced that nowhere else in this country is a college campus with not one, but two Missouri Quality Awards. So, our student decides to go ahead and hang out a few more years with his new friends down at the bar.

I can see it now. Graduation rolls around and President Hubbard gets up to hand out the diplomas and none other than our student walks across the podium hearing these words from the old man:

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The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS

'Black Hawk Down' accurately hits the mark

By DANNY BURNS
DAILY ONLINE MANAGING EDITOR

In 1993, an event occurred in Somalia that killed 18 members of America's elite military forces and injured dozens more. What history fails to remember or some would like to forget is retold in a graphic, intense, well directed movie, "Blackhawk Down".

Set amidst the crowded streets of Mogadishu, thousands of Somalis are starving because U.N. food delivery has not made it to the people. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the warlord in power of the region, has halted delivery of the food. He uses hunger as his weapon.

After weeks of U.S. military presence, the struggle to remove Aidid from power has taken longer than expected. During a particular afternoon, 120 members of America's most highly trained forces are dropped into

the busy downtown streets of Mogadishu to capture some of Aidid's top advisers.

Things begin to unravel from the first moment the men get to the ground. Over the course of about 30 minutes numerous men are wounded, some killed and two Blackhawk helicopters, the symbol of American power and dominance on the mission, are shot down. The Somalia militia prove to be a formidable enemy with their large numbers and huge supply of ammunition and firepower.

For the rest of the movie, the soldiers have to recover the bodies of the downed helicopter crews, gather the injured soldiers and escape with their own lives, while trying to claw their way out of a city filled with thousands of enraged, heavily armed Somalis.

The movie contains many graphic war scenes, most of which are histori-

cally correct. Viewers might not get a lot of background on the situation and some minor details are left out, but much of it is concise and relevant in the 2 1/2 hour running time.

To enhance the experience of watching this movie reading the book "Blackhawk Down" by Mark Bowden would be beneficial as the names and locations of all 120 soldiers can get confusing. A Web site, with a variety of maps, background information, interviews and other multimedia is available at <http://www.blackhawkdown.com>

With quality directing and cinema photography, characters that are believable and a true-story script, "Blackhawk Down" is one of the first movies of 2002 worthy of a ticket price.

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'Bully' important, shocking, yet unheard of

By BOBBY GUMM
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"Bully" is one of the most important films of the year and was released to home video Jan. 29. Sadly, I am willing to bet the vast majority of you have never heard of it. Unfortunately, Maryville is generally sheltered from art-house independent films like "Bully." No need to worry, we can fight back.

Based on true events, "Bully" delves into the life of several misguided Florida teens that decide to kill their friend because he is ruining their lives. The movie is filmed in a somewhat documentary style that brings us even closer to the characters, which makes it more powerful.

Along with the documentary style, director Larry Clark makes several stylized decisions to take us further in the story. For example, random shots of things that would not normally be in

the frame are inserted during some of the dialogue. These shots appear to have no purpose in dealing with what is going on in the scene, but demonstrates the teens' bewildered state.

The core of the film though, lies in its believability. The teens' behavior is shocking to say the least and at times almost unbelievable. Then we see them interact with their parents in a fairly normal way. This normality makes "Bully" more convincing and potent. This film, in part, appears to be a wake-up call to parents. Granted, not all teens behave in this fashion, but the film is a good study of parent/child relationships among other things.

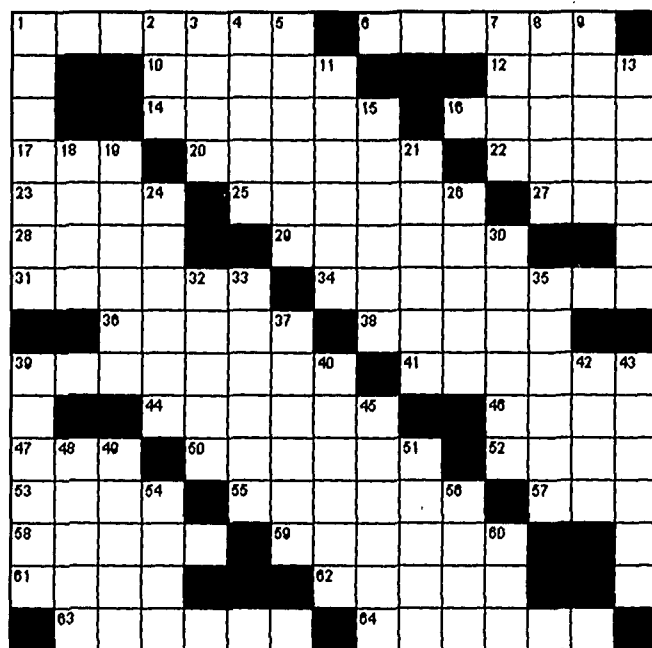
Clark was made famous by his 1994 film "Kids." Like "Kids," "Bully" was a critical smash but wasn't widely distributed because of its extremely graphic nature. Both received an NC-17 rating so most theatres were unable to show

them. When "Bully" was released to home video, an R-rated version was also made available so it could be more widely distributed. It is a shame that they are altering the movie from the director's original vision, but it is worth it if more people get the chance to see it.

Living in the dome of unoriginality that is Maryville, it is nearly impossible to experience truly important movies like "Bully" in the theatre unless you are able to drive to Kansas City, Mo. Fortunately, we still have the option of home video, which affords us the opportunity to see films like this one.

Movies like "Bully" are great because there are no pretensions. It slaps us in the face and forces us to see things we have been culturally blinded from. "Bully" doesn't try to give the viewers any answers; it merely tells the story and shocks us into searching for answers of our own.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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29. French mathematician and philosopher
31. Native South African
34. In an awful manner
36. Toward the back
38. Plant fence
39. Column dwellers
41. Spreads sleeping sickness
44. Solution resulting from dissolving out
46. Sheepskin leather
47. Minor false-

Across

3. Arabian royal house
4. Unbolt
5. Undo (e.g. a dress)
7. Send
8. State of confusion (3-2)
9. Ancient upright stone slab with markings
11. Oceanic animal forming mosslike colonies (3,3)
13. Sudden in action
15. Silkworm
18. Fraternal organization
19. Leave (2,4)
21. Cloak-and-dagger
24. Stainable
26. Fenced areas
30. Big cat crosses
32. Catches
33. De facto
35. Caused to go
37. Film comedian and director
39. Feel pain
40. Door posts
42. Special disposal of goods
43. Ultimate goal (3-3)
45. Intertwine
48. Sicker
49. Shelf-like sleeping space
51. Assault (3,2)
54. Old-fashioned person
56. Depression
60. Born

Answers can be found on page 5A

on the edge

Super Bowl facts:

■ Based on past sales, Frito-Lay experts expect to sell 150 million extra bags of chips during the week of the Super Bowl.

■ Right behind Christmas and Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday ranks as the third-largest occasion for Americans to consume food, according to the National Football League.

■ Americans will hold more parties in their homes on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year.

■ For the first time, the play-by-play of Super Bowl XXX in 1996 was broadcast in the Navajo language and NBC-TV offered a secondary, foreign-language audio feed to its affiliates.

■ The halftime entertainment for the first Super Bowl Jan. 15, 1967, were the Universities of Arizona and Michigan bands.

■ During Super Bowl VII the pledge of allegiance was done by the crew of Apollo 17.

■ Lori Hilary was the first to use American Sign Language during a halftime show at Super Bowl XXVI.

■ The team with the most fumbles during a Super Bowl game was the Buffalo Bills with eight fumbles in Super Bowl XXVII.

■ The Dallas Cowboys have made the most Super Bowl appearances with eight trips, five of which they have won.

■ The Buffalo Bills have the record for most consecutive Super Bowl losses with four. While not in a row, the Vikings have also lost four Super Bowl games.

■ The most penalties in a game was during Super Bowl XII. Dallas with 12 penalties and Denver with eight.

■ Jerry Rice has scored the most touchdowns during the Super Bowl with seven touchdowns in three games.

■ The 49ers have the best Super Bowl record, five wins no losses.

Sources: uselessknowledge.com and superbowl.com

Concert Calendar

KANSAS CITY

- Feb. 1 *Ultimate Fakebook*
The Hurricane
- Feb. 2 *Scott Ellison*
Blaney's
- Feb. 6 *The Motet*
Grand Emporium
- Feb. 6 *Stars on Ice*
Kemper Arena
- Feb. 7 *Soufly*
Beaumont Club
- Feb. 7 *Agnostic Front*
El Torreon
- Feb. 7 *Satisfaction*
West Border
- Feb. 9 *Longwave*
The Hurricane
- Feb. 9 *Odadaa!*
Unity Temple
- Feb. 11 *Black Cat*
Music
Grand Emporium
- Feb. 11 *Slobberbone*
Grand Emporium
- Feb. 12 *Pat Green*
Beaumont Club
- Feb. 12 *Nathan & The Zydeco Cha-Chas*
Grand Emporium
- Feb. 13 *Honey Tongue*
The Hurricane
- Feb. 15 *Spyro Gyra*
Ameristar Hotel & Casino

DES MOINES

- Feb. 1 *Bill Engvall*
Vets. Auditorium
- Feb. 1 *Jeff Foxworthy*
Vets. Auditorium
- Feb. 1 *Ron White*
Vets. Auditorium
- Feb. 9 *Arturo Sandoval*
Civic Center
- Feb. 9 *Onward*
Crispin Glover
Hairy Mary's
- Feb. 11 *Fu Manchu*
Hairy Mary's
- Feb. 15 *Tony Valdez*
Large Band
The Cosmopolitan Lounge
- Feb. 20 *Lil' Brian*
Terry & The Zydeco
Travelers
Blues on Grand
- Feb. 22 *Kutless*
Frank's House of
Rock
- Feb. 22 *Adam Brodsky*
Java Joe's
- Feb. 26 *Deidre McCalla*
DMACC
- Feb. 26 *18 Visions*
Hairy Mary's
- Feb. 27 *Sean Costello*
Blues on Grand

OMAHA

- Feb. 2 *Gaelic Storm*
McGuire's
- Feb. 5 *Dust for Life*
Music Box
- Feb. 5 *Stars on Ice*
Omaha Civic
Auditorium
- Feb. 5 *Grand Buffet*
Sokol Underground
- Feb. 8-10 *Arlo Guthrie*
Orpheum Theatre
- Feb. 10 *The Wailers*
Ranch Bowl
- Feb. 12 *Lee Rocker*
Music Box
- Feb. 14 *Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials*
Music Box
- Feb. 15 *Anyone*
Ranch Bowl
- Feb. 15 *Lennon*
Ranch Bowl
- Feb. 16 *Blue October*
Music Box
- Feb. 19 *Point of Grace*
Bellevue Christian Center
- Feb. 21 *Machine Head*
Ranch Bowl
- Feb. 27 *Kyle Fischer*
The Junction

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